



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants: T. HIRATA, et al

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For: METHOD OF ANALYZING DELAY FACTOR IN JOB SYSTEM

Group: 2155

Examiner: T. Nguyen

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 28, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.